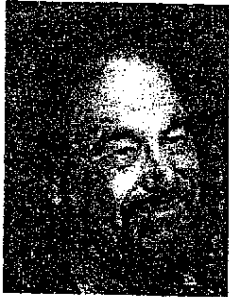




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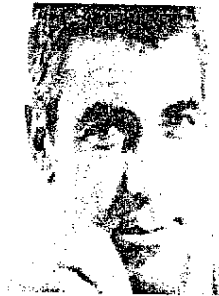
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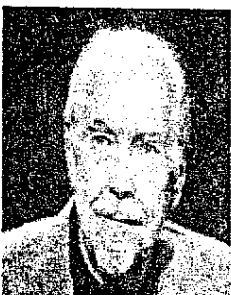
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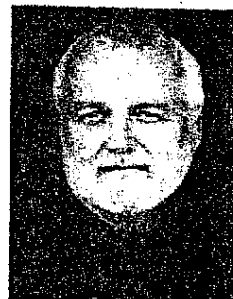
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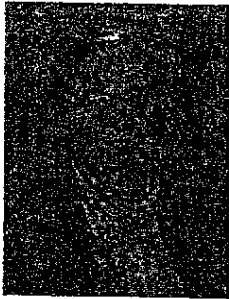


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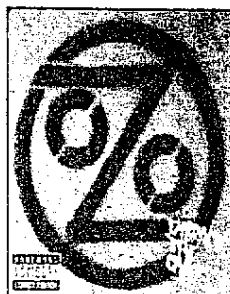
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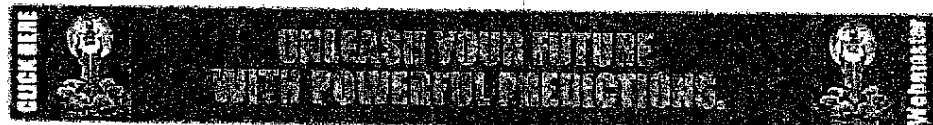
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## NOT IN OUR NAME STATEMENT OF

### CONSCIENCE

Let it not be said that people in the  
United States did nothing when  
their government declared a war  
without limit and instituted stark  
new measures of repression.

The signers of this statement call  
on the people of the U.S. to resist  
the policies and overall political  
direction that have emerged since  
September 11, 2001, and which  
pose grave dangers to the people of  
the world.

We believe that peoples and  
nations have the right to determine  
their own destiny, free from  
military coercion by great powers.  
We believe that all persons  
detained or prosecuted by the  
United States government should  
have the same rights of due  
process. We believe that  
questioning, criticism, and dissent  
must be valued and protected. We  
understand that such rights and  
values are always contested and  
must be fought for.

We believe that people of  
conscience must take responsibility  
for what their own governments do  
-- we must first of all oppose the  
injustice that is done in our

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name. Thus we call on all Americans to RESIST the war and repression that has been loosed on the world by the Bush administration. It is unjust, immoral, and illegitimate. We choose to make common cause with the people of the world.

We too watched with shock the horrific events of September 11, 2001. We too mourned the thousands of innocent dead and shook our heads at the terrible scenes of carnage -- even as we recalled similar scenes in Baghdad, Panama City, and, a generation ago, Vietnam. We too joined the anguished questioning of millions of Americans who asked why such a thing could happen.

But the mourning had barely begun, when the highest leaders of the land unleashed a spirit of revenge. They put out a simplistic script of "good vs. evil" that was taken up by a plant and intimidated media. They told us that asking why these terrible events had happened verged on treason. There was to be no debate. There were by definition no valid political or moral questions. The only possible answer was to be war abroad and repression at home.

In our name, the Bush administration, with near unanimity from Congress, not only attacked Afghanistan but arrogated to itself and its allies the right to rain down military force anywhere and anytime. The brutal repercussions have been felt from the Philippines to Palestine, where Israeli tanks and bulldozers have left a terrible trail of death and destruction. The government now openly prepares to wage all-out war on Iraq -- a country which has no connection to the horror of September 11. What kind of world will this become if the U.S. government has a blank check to drop commandos, assassins, and bombs wherever it wants?

In our name, within the U.S., the government has created two classes of people: those to whom the basic rights of the U.S. legal system are at least promised, and those who now seem to have no rights at all. The government rounded up over 1,000 immigrants and detained them in secret and indefinitely. Hundreds have been deported and hundreds of others still languish today in prison. This smacks of the infamous concentration camps for Japanese-Americans in World War 2. For the

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first time in decades, immigration  
procedures single out certain  
nationalities for unequal treatment.

In our name, the government has  
brought down a pall of repression  
over society. The President's  
spokesperson warns people to  
"watch what they say." Dissident  
artists, intellectuals, and professors  
find their views distorted, attacked,  
and suppressed. The so-called  
Patriot Act -- along with a host of  
similar measures on the state level  
-- gives police sweeping new  
powers of search and seizure,  
supervised if at all by secret  
proceedings before secret courts.

In our name, the executive has  
steadily usurped the roles and  
functions of the other branches of  
government. Military tribunals with  
lax rules of evidence and no right to  
appeal to the regular courts are put  
in place by executive order. Groups  
are declared "terrorist" at the  
stroke of a presidential pen.

We must take the highest officers  
of the land seriously when they talk  
of a war that will last a generation  
and when they speak of a new  
domestic order. We are confronting  
a new openly imperial policy  
towards the world and a domestic  
policy that manufactures and  
manipulates fear to curtail rights.

There is a deadly trajectory to the  
events of the past months that  
must be seen for what it is and  
resisted. Too many times in history  
people have waited until it was too  
late to resist.

President Bush has declared:  
"you're either with us or against  
us." Here is our answer: We refuse  
to allow you to speak for all the  
American people. We will not give  
up our right to question. We will not  
hand over our consciences in return  
for a hollow promise of safety. We  
say NOT IN OUR NAME. We refuse  
to be party to these wars and we  
repudiate any inference that they  
are being waged in our name or for  
our welfare. We extend a hand to  
those around the world suffering  
from these policies; we will show  
our solidarity in word and deed.

We who sign this statement call on  
all Americans to join together to  
rise to this challenge. We applaud  
and support the questioning and  
protest now going on, even as we  
recognize the need for much, much  
more to actually stop this  
juggernaut. We draw inspiration  
from the Israeli reservists who at



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from the Israeli reservists who, at great personal risk, declare "there IS a limit" and refuse to serve in the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

We also draw on the many examples of resistance and conscience from the past of the United States: from those who fought slavery with rebellions and the underground railroad, to those who defied the Vietnam war by refusing orders, resisting the draft, and standing in solidarity with resisters.

Let us not allow the watching world today to despair of our silence and our failure to act. Instead, let the world hear our pledge: we will resist the machinery of war and repression and rally others to do everything possible to stop it.

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IF NOT NOW, WHEN?**

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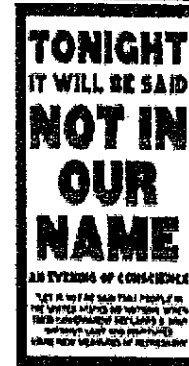
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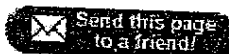
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**Bipartisan Group of Former U.S. Senators Announces  
Opposition to Bush Administration's Plans to Invade Iraq**

WASHINGTON - February 27 - A bipartisan group of former United States Senators today announced its opposition to the Bush Administration's plans to invade Iraq.

In a statement released by the former lawmakers, the group said that, among other problems a war will cause, the already struggling American economy will fall into a recession. The statement continues:

"We are concerned with the expenditure of American lives in a war that need not be undertaken at this time. Not only will our sons and daughters be put in harm's way, but this is a war that will dramatically increase the terrorist threat to Americans both at home, as well as the more than one million Americans who live abroad."

"We favor multiplying U.N. inspectors in Iraq -- if necessary accompanied by U.N. forces -- to complete the U.N.'s task more quickly and effectively. This will be eminently less expensive in lives and treasure than all-out war."

"The nation's almost-forgotten 'war on terrorism' has been seriously neglected because of the Administration's preoccupation with Iraq and Saddam Hussein."

"We are all concerned that serious damage that can be done to the United States by terrorism triggered by an attack on a sovereign Arab nation."

"As well, all Americans should be concerned that an invasion when carried to Iraq's cities will result in the needless killing of innocent Iraqi civilians, especially women and children, who have no voice in their government's policies."

"A first strike is not authorized under international law, because Iraq poses no imminent or unavoidable threat to the United States. And there has been no confirmable evidence of any connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda."

"We believe that the principles of the United Nations' Charter will be violated if we attack another nation when we are not threatened. Such an attack will seriously undermine our ability to represent a moral standard to the world. We will be prevented from objecting should India or Pakistan decide to attack the other, or if China should decide to invade Taiwan. Instead of undermining United Nations' principles, we should be supporting them."

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"We successfully contained the Soviet Union for nearly 50 years by avoiding an attack on that country which was a real threat the U.S. Iraq has no current ability to threaten the United States as does North Korea, for example."

*The group of former lawmakers includes Former United States Senators George McGovern of South Dakota, John Culver of Iowa, Paul Simon of Illinois, Adlai Stevenson III of Illinois, Fred Harris of Oklahoma, Dale Bumpers of Arkansas, Charles Mac Mathias of Maryland, Bill Hathaway of Maine, John Tunney of California, Gary Hart of Colorado, Howard Metzenbaum of Ohio, and James Abourezk of South Dakota.*

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# Opinion

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## Questioning President's Policies Is Not Unpatriotic

By James G. Abourezk  
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SIOUX FALLS -- We have arrived at a scary and dangerous state in this country since the attacks of Sept. 11, not only because of the threat of terrorists but because people opposed to the policies of the Bush administration are being charged with being unpatriotic. It is not a sign of true patriotism to unthinkingly fall in line behind a president desperate to take us to war with Iraq -- rather we are obliged to raise the kinds of questions that save blood and treasure, and preserve our national morality and global reputation.

I went to Baghdad in September as part of a delegation that included Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., on a trip aimed at preventing the aggressive war President Bush has been aching to wage against the Iraqis. We also wanted to investigate the effect of the long sanctions against Iraq on the health and nutritional condition of the Iraqi people.

Most of all, we wanted to convince the Iraqi government that George W. Bush was not joking about attacking Iraq if Baghdad did not allow weapons inspectors back into the country. We met with Deputy Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and with Saadoun Hammadi, speaker of the Iraqi parliament. I had known both men in earlier times. Hammadi was foreign minister when I was a member of the U.S. Senate. I first met Aziz in 1988, when I was a lawyer in private practice representing a client who had business in Iraq.

In our September meeting I told both men that to avoid an aggressive U.S. military strike, Iraq had to remove any excuse for such attack. Happily, two days after we left, the Iraqi government announced that it would re-admit the inspectors, despite Baghdad's concern that members of the last inspection team had spied for the United States and Israel.

We believed then -- and still believe -- that we were performing a public service by trying to avoid a war. But now, Rep. Rahall and others who are opposed to invading Iraq are being called unpatriotic. It is a form of modern-day McCarthyism.

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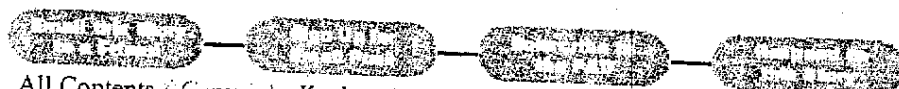
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# GLOBAL BEAT SYNDICATE

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## **Questioning Bush's policies is NOT unpatriotic** *A former U.S. senator finds that trying to make up his own mind about Iraq can be politically dangerous*

**By James G. Abourezk -- Global Beat Syndicate**

**SIOUX FALLS, SD** – We have arrived at a scary and dangerous state in this country since the attacks of September 11, not only because of the threat of terrorists, but because people opposed to the policies of the Bush administration are being charged with being unpatriotic. It is not a sign of true patriotism to unthinkingly fall in line behind a president desperate to take us to war with Iraq – rather we are obliged to raise the kinds of questions that save blood and treasure and preserve our national morality and global reputation.

I went to Baghdad in September as part of a delegation that included Congressman Nick Rahall (D-WVa) on a trip aimed at preventing the aggressive war President Bush has been aching to wage against the Iraqis. We also wanted to investigate the impact of the long sanctions against Iraq on the health and nutritional condition of the Iraqi people. Most of all, we wanted to convince the Iraqi government that George W. Bush was not joking about attacking Iraq if Baghdad did not allow weapons inspectors back into the country. We met with Deputy Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and with Saadoun Hammadi, speaker of the Iraqi parliament. I had known both men in earlier times. Hammadi was foreign minister when I was a member of the U.S. Senate. I first met Aziz in 1988, when I was a lawyer in private practice representing a client who had business in Iraq. In our September meeting I told both men that to avoid an aggressive U.S. military strike, Iraq had to remove any excuse for such attack. Happily, two days after we left, the Iraqi government announced that it would re-admit the inspectors, despite Baghdad's concern that members of the last inspection team had spied for the United States and Israel. We believed then – and still believe – that we were performing a public service by trying to avoid a war. But now, Congressman Rahall and others who are opposed to invading Iraq are being called unpatriotic. It is a form of modern-day McCarthyism. The issue of who is patriotic and who is not deserves thoughtful

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**HEADLINE:** We can beat Iraq, but what for?

**BYLINE:** James **Abourezk**

**BODY:**

I recently traveled to Iraq, and as I saw Iraqi civilians on the streets of Baghdad, I could think only of what percentage of these innocents would be lying dead after a war with the United States.

There is little question that the U.S. military would be able to crush Iraq in a few short days - the world's largest superpower against a poorly defended Third World country. But in President Bush's quest of domination of Saddam Hussein, how many thousands of Iraq civilians will fall victim to the high-tech slaughter of "smart bombs" and other weapons of real mass destruction delivered by the U.S. military?

We saw small children in the cancer ward of the Baghdad children's hospital doomed to an early death because of the lack of medicine. That medicine has been blocked by the U.S. and British delegates to a review committee that is charged with monitoring imports into Iraq for the food-for-oil program. We learned from human-rights organizations that one in 10 Iraqi children dies before his or her first birthday, and one in three of these children suffers from malnutrition.

Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., and I traveled together. We impressed upon Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz that Bush was absolutely serious, that he wanted a war and that allowing weapons inspectors into Iraq would remove his reasons for invading. Although Aziz seemed a bit negative in responding to us, two days later his government announced that inspectors could come in without conditions.

That announcement perhaps slowed, but did not stop, Bush's drive to start a war. He is pushing hard on a compliant pre-election Congress for a resolution allowing him to declare war whenever and however he sees fit. This is all unprecedented in American history. We have had minor "incursions" before, in Panama and Grenada, but never has the Congress

written a blank war check allowing a president to fill in the blanks at his pleasure and upon his whim.

Senior Bush adviser Karl Rove has told Republican activists that the Republicans cannot win elections based on the economy and on corporate scandals. But they can win, in his words, on a war platform, which perhaps explains why, when Bush at first said weapons inspectors must be allowed into Iraq, he changed his mind and began demanding more concessions when the Iraqis agreed to allow the inspectors in.

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The Bush administration is using scare tactics. Iraq, despite the insane policies of the Saddam Hussein regime, has no bombers or long-range missiles that could deliver weapons of mass destruction. And there is no real connection between the fundamentalist al-Qaeda and secular Iraq. No one has yet presented credible evidence of a connection between the two.


An attack on Iraq would destroy the foundations on which the U.N. Charter rests. Should India decide to attack Pakistan, or should China decide to attack Taiwan, or should Russia choose to invade Georgia because of the rebellion in Chechnya, the United States will be stripped of moral standing to object to such aggression.

We will have, in fact, set a new, dangerous precedent in an already dangerous world - that one nation can with force change any regime of another nation it doesn't like. What Bush and his warhawks are proposing is to destroy the basic underlying principle of the United Nations - that there shall be no more aggressive wars between nations.

Those members of Congress who vote to give Bush an OK to start a war will also have a great deal of explaining to do when the U.S. economy goes into the tank because of high oil prices and the high cost of the war, and when American soldiers begin coming home in body bags. The costs will not end there, but will continue for years as America tries to establish a new government from the fractious entities now existing in Iraq. Further, if Bush is serious about the war on terrorism, the invasion he is angling for will certainly destroy any coalition with Arab countries that are helping us fight that war.

My hope is that there will be enough opposition to this war to stop it before it starts. If Bush is not willing to listen, then perhaps the Democrats in Congress, who, up till now, jump when they see their own shadows, will try to derail the war train before they, and we, are sorry.

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September 20, 2002 Friday

**SECTION:** Assignment Desk

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**HEADLINE:** Delegation to Iraq: Interviews Available

**BODY:**

News Advisory:

On Thursday two more members of a delegation organized by the Institute for Public Accuracy returned to the United States from Iraq. The delegation included Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) who returned on Tuesday. Other delegation members now available for interviews are:

JAMES ABOUREZK, 605-334-8402, jim(AT)abourezklaw.com

A former senator and author of "Advise & Dissent: Memoirs of South Dakota and the U.S. Senate," Abourezk said today: "I am pleased that the Iraqi government has decided to again admit UN inspectors. We hope it will lead to a genuine reduction of tensions, not just a postponement of military action. In any case, a new U.S. attack on Baghdad would be a mistake for humanitarian reasons. The reality is that the people of Iraq have still not recovered from the 1991 war. Few people in the West realize that one in every ten Iraqi children dies before his or her first birthday, the lingering result of infrastructure degradation, unclean water, and communicable disease spread in the wake of the 1991 war. One child in three suffers from chronic malnutrition, according to the UN Humanitarian Coordinator in Iraq. I learned of the disturbing evidence of the effects of Depleted Uranium contamination on the environment, and on leukemia and cancer rates in children. The U.S. military used DU in its artillery shells in 1991, resulting in deformed births throughout southern Iraq. If the U.S. does start a new and unprovoked war, it will stand in violation of international law, the UN Charter, and basic humane values."

-- NORMAN SOLOMON, 202-347-0020, norman(AT)accuracy.org,  
<http://www.commondreams.org/views02/0919-08.htm>

Executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, Solomon said today: "Much of our discussion with Iraqi officials involved urging them to agree to unfettered access for UN weapons inspectors... A couple of days later, Iraq chose a longshot for averting war -- appreciably better than no chance at all, but bringing its own risks. Several years ago, Washington used UNSCOM inspectors for espionage totally unrelated to the UN team's authorized mission. This fall, inspectors poking around the country could furnish valuable data to the U.S., heightening the effectiveness of a subsequent military attack... Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz told our delegation that a comprehensive 'formula' would be needed for a long-term solution; presumably the formula would include a U.S. pledge of non-aggression and a lifting of sanctions. No such formula is in sight. Instead, the White House remains determined to inflict a horrendous war. Meanwhile, the Democratic 'leadership' in the Senate is lining up to put vast quantities of blood on its hands."

-- Dr. JAMES JENNINGS, 011-964-1-886-1000, ext. 1232 or 964-1-885-1000, ext. 1232

President of Conscience International, a humanitarian aid organization, Jennings is in Iraq until Sunday. He said today: "President Bush claims, as his father did, that he 'has no quarrel with the Iraqi people.' But every family I meet here in Iraq is suffering from what he is doing. The economic sanctions the U.S. government insists on mean malnutrition, prohibitions on desperately needed medicines, a lack of employment and people having to sell their

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belongings just to survive. Yesterday I had people beg me for cancer medicine. The UN's '661 committee' is blocking many such necessities -- this is uncivilized behavior." (Starting Wednesday:) 770-454-9109

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----- Original Message -----

From: Todd D. Epp

To: TeamLeader@probush.com ; webmaster@probush.com ; tdepp@aol.com

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2003 2:53 PM

Subject: Cease and desist in calling James G. Abourezk a traitor on your website

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Re: Abourezk v. probush.com

Our file # 02-0013-02

Dear probush.com.

Please be advised that I represent former U.S. Senator James Abourezk. On or about April 9, 2003, he discovered that he was called a traitor on your website, probush.com. It is my legal opinion that such a statement is libelous under South Dakota law. SDCL 20-11-3 defines libel:

Libel is a false and unprivileged publication by writing, printing, picture, effigy, or other fixed representation to the eye which exposes any person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or which causes him to be shunned or avoided, or which has a tendency to injure him in his occupation.

Mr. Abourezk is a veteran of the United States Navy, a former U.S. Congressman, and a former U.S. Senator. He is also admitted to practice law before the courts of South Dakota and the District of Columbia. In all of these roles, he has taken oaths to abide by and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. Further, particularly in this super-heated time of war, calling a person a traitor (one guilty of the crime of treason) not only subjects Mr. Abourezk to hatred, contempt and ridicule and to injury in his legal profession, it can also lead to physical harm.

Further, it is my analysis that this accusation is libelous per se. According to Sack on Defamation, §2.8.3.2 at 2-99 (3d ed. 1999) libel per se are "words. [that] tend on their face to disgrace the person about who they are written." Furthermore, treason is a felony under both federal law, 18 USCA § 2381, and South Dakota law, SDCL 22-8-1. Thus, to accuse Mr. Abourezk of treason is an extremely very serious accusation. You either know or should know that Mr. Abourezk is not a traitor and is not guilty of treason against his country.

In addition, in my legal opinion, the audio portion of your site calling those on it a traitor is slanderous.

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Under SDCL 20-11-4:

Slander is a false and unprivileged publication, other than libel, which:

- (1) Charges any person with crime, or with having been indicted, convicted, or punished for crime;
- (2) Imputes to him the present existence of an infectious, contagious, or loathsome disease;
- (3) Tends directly to injure him in respect to his office, profession, trade, or business, either by imputing to him general disqualification in those respects which the office or other occupation peculiarly requires, or by imputing something with reference to his office, profession, trade, or business that has a natural tendency to lessen its profit;
- (4) Imputes to him impotence or want of chastity; or
- (5) By natural consequence, causes actual damage.

This audio comment clearly brands Mr. Abourezk as a traitor, which noted above, is an accusation of the crime of treason. Again, according to Sack, § 2.82 at p. 2-93, this accusation is slander per se since you are accusing Mr. Abourezk of having committed a crime.

My client also realizes that you have attempted to place a "disclaimer" on the site. One cannot simply label defamatory statements a "parody" and then escape the consequences of the statements made. Further, your disclaimer is not prominent and can easily be missed by viewers of your website.

Thus, my client demands the following actions be taken immediately:

- . That any reference to Mr. Abourezk on your website be removed.
- . That you place an apology on your website. Such apology will be approved by Mr. Abourezk and shall be as prominent as your accusations against him are as of April 9, 2003. Such apology shall remain on your site for at least 30 days.
- . Payment of Mr. Abourezk's attorneys fees in the amount of \$2,000.00.

I have also notified Domains By Proxy, Inc., your registrar of this account, that you are in violation of your terms of service with them.

If you do not immediately take these actions, my client will sue you.

Contact me immediately or have your attorney contact me with your compliance to these demands.

Sincerely,

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#### Story: U.S. POLITICIANS AND MEDIA CRITIC NORMAN SOLOMON MEET WITH IRAQI OFFICIALS IN BAGHDAD

The Iraqi deputy prime minister Tariq Aziz said on Saturday Iraq will let United Nations weapons inspectors return only under a comprehensive agreement that would prevent an attack by the US and lift the UN sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

He said: "If there is a solution that maintains Iraq's sovereignty, dignity and legitimate rights and prevents aggression, we are ready."

Meanwhile, West Virginia Congressman Nick Rahall, former US Senator from South Dakota James Abourezk and media critic Norman Solomon met with Tariq Aziz and other Iraqi government officials in Baghdad over the weekend. Abourezk said it would be immoral for America to attack Iraq without provocation.

Guest:

- **Norman Solomon**, in Baghdad. He just met with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz with U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) and former senator James Abourezk from South Dakota. Solomon is the executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy.

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#### Story: JUST ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: PART TWO OF OUR INTERVIEW WITH JULIA BUTTERFLY HILL

Last week peace vigils occurred across the country to commemorate Sept. 11. In New York City thousands gathered in Washington Square Park. Among them was Julia Butterfly Hill.

The 28-year-old activist is best known for her two-year tree-sit in Luna, a giant redwood tree in Humboldt County, California. She was protesting the logging practices of Pacific Lumber Company.

Two months ago environmental activist Hill made international headlines when she was deported from Ecuador for protesting an oil pipeline that would penetrate a virgin Andean "cloud forest."

The 300-mile oil pipeline has targeted by the environmental activists. It will transport petroleum from the Ecuadorian Amazon across the Andes to the Pacific coast for refining and export.

Today we will continue our interview with Julia recorded last week at our Firehouse



Studio as she discusses her philosophy of resistance.

Guest:

- **Julia Butterfly Hill**, activist for the world's forest and the communities they protect. She is author of 'The Legacy of Luna: the Story of a Tree, a Woman, and the Struggle to Save the Redwoods' and 'One Makes the Difference.'

**Story: ACTIVISTS PROTEST FORMER UNION CARBIDE CEO WARREN ANDERSON AT HIS HOME IN LONG ISLAND**

Eighteen years ago on December 3, 1984, the toxic gas methyl isocyanate began leaking from a U.S. owned pesticide plant in the Indian city of Bhopal. Within hours 4,000 people were dead. Another 10,000 to 15,000 people would eventually die from related illnesses. Over 100,000 more were seriously injured. It was the world's worst industrial accident.

To date no one from the U.S.-based Union Carbide corporation has ever served time for the disaster. Eleven years ago "culpable homicide" charges were brought against Union Carbide's former CEO Warren Anderson. But Anderson has refused to be tried. However, momentum is growing to extradite Anderson, who could face up to 10 years in prison.

In late August a Bhopal court rejected a plea by federal police to reduce charges against Anderson to rash negligence from culpable homicide. Soon after, a member of Greenpeace tracked Anderson down at his luxury home on Main Street in Bridgehampton in Long Island. Until that time, U.S. officials claimed to not know of Anderson's whereabouts. Over this past weekend environmentalist Diane Wilson led a protest in front of Anderson's home. And on Friday, members of the Campaign for Justice in Bhopal staged a hunger strike outside of the United Nations where Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and US President George Bush were meeting.

Today we are joined by Diane Wilson. Diane is a fisherwoman turned environmentalist, who has been fighting to save the waters of San Antonio Bay from toxic discharge by chemical companies, including Union Carbide-Dow Chemical. In August, she chained herself to an ethylene oxide tower inside the Union Carbide plant (now owned by Dow Chemical) in Seadrift, TX. She was arrested after eight hours.

Guest:

- **Diane Wilson**, Fisherman and Activist.

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## Former US senator calls for change in US policy

Abourezk heads fact-finding mission

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James Abourezk, a former US senator of Lebanese origin, met with top leaders here Thursday, calling for a radical change in Washington's policies toward the country and the resistance.

The former North Dakota Senator paid separate visits to President Emile Lahoud, Speaker Nabih Berri, Premier Rafik Hariri and Foreign Minister Mahmoud Hammoud.

Speaking to reporters after meeting with Hammoud, Abourezk said that members of the US delegation he is leading were able to "learn the viewpoints of the Lebanese government" on major issues.

Abourezk was briefed by officials on the Shebaa Farms and called on Israel to abide by UN resolutions calling on the Jewish state to withdraw its forces from Lebanese land.

He denied having transmitted any message to the Lebanese side about the proposed international conference to discuss a Middle East peace plan.

"We have discussed the Shebaa Farms, which I visited yesterday," Abourezk said of his visit with Hammoud.

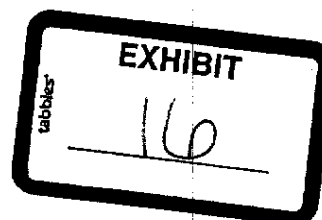
From Ain al-Tineh, where he conferred with Berri, Abourezk told reporters that discussions centered on "US policies, which were not encouraging with regard to Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian territories."

Abourezk said that his discussions with the speaker had also focused on Hizbullah "and the positive role" it was playing in Lebanon.

"(Hizbullah) was like the tool that forced the Israelis to withdraw," the former senator said.

Following his meeting with Hariri, Abourezk told reporters that his discussions with the premier focused on US policies toward Lebanon and the Middle East.

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### **Independent American Delegation to Baghdad**

An independent American delegation, led by Rep. Nick Rahall and former Sen. James Abourezk, is scheduled to arrive in Baghdad on Friday night (Sept. 13).

Rahall, of West Virginia, is currently serving his 13th term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Abourezk represented South Dakota in the United States Senate.

The delegation also includes: James Jennings, president of Conscience International, an Atlanta-based humanitarian aid and human rights organization; and Norman Solomon, executive director of the Institute for Public Accuracy, a nationwide consortium of public policy researchers.

The trip, described by participants as a "humanitarian mission," comes as President Bush is seeking formal authorization from Congress to launch a large-scale military attack on Iraq.

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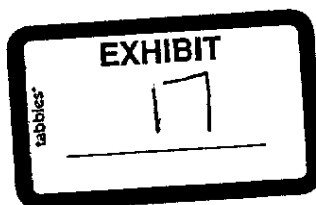


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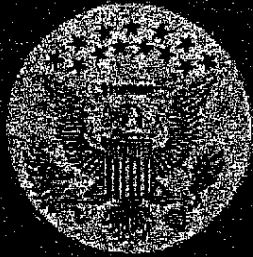
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Party: Democrat

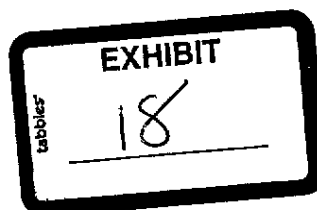


ABOUREZK, James George, a Representative and a Senator from South Dakota; born in Wood, Mellette County, S.Dak., February 24, 1931; attended the Wood and Mission public schools; graduated as a civil engineer from the South Dakota School of Mines, Rapid City, S.Dak., 1961; graduated from the University of South Dakota Law School, Vermillion, S.Dak. 1966; lawyer; admitted to the South Dakota bar in 1966 and commenced practice in

Rapid City; served in the United States Navy 1948-1952; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-second Congress (January 3, 1971-January 3, 1973); was not a candidate for reelection to the United States House of Representatives in 1972, but was elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate and served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1979; was not a candidate for reelection in 1978; chairman, Select Committee on Indian Affairs (Ninety-fifth Congress); chairman, American Indian Policy Review Commission 1976; resumed the practice of law and began a career in writing; is a resident of Rapid City, S. Dak.

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**Box: 12 Fold: 9 ADC - Pamphlets & Brochures**

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DESCRIPTION: Miscellaneous pamphlets and brochures printed by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC). Includes 1 pamphlet by James Abourezk, "Arabs and the Convenient Scapegoat"; 1 pamphlet on Samih El-Youssef; the ADC Media Monitoring Guide; and 1 pamphlet, "What's a Jew to Do?", a roundtable discussion with Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Nat Hentoff, Irving Howe, Malcolm Hoenlein, Howard Squadron, Drora Kass and Ron Plotkin.

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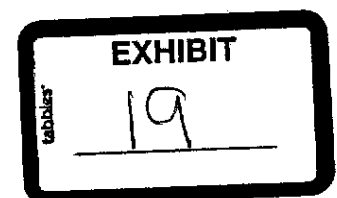
James Abourezk

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My father died prematurely at the age of 79. But he had lived one great life, as short as it was. He immigrated to South Dakota in 1898, working for a time as a lawman, as a homesteader, and as a pack-peddler, very much like the ancestors of people in this room. He finally settled on the Rosebud Sioux Indian reservation in South Dakota, eventually opening two general stores in two small towns near each other. He went bankrupt once in the 1930's, but bounced back to become somewhat well-to-do. The main source of his financial troubles was his great generosity. During the depression, he gave credit to anyone who needed it, whether Indian or white. After people started making money again, only the Indians paid him back. In fact, one of my grandchildren played in a high school basketball tournament earlier this year on one of the Indian reservations. An old Indian woman, who apparently had learned of him being in the tournament from the newspaper, had her grandchildren bring her to the game where she presented a star quilt she had made to my grandson. She told him the quilt was partial repayment for what Charlie Abourezk had done for her family, and that if it had not been for his great-grandfather, she and her family would have starved to death.

My father knew who he was. He was an American and a South Dakota chauvinist. Once when he went to Vancouver, Washington, to visit one of our cousins, he was shown the Columbia River. "It's the biggest river in America, Charlie," my cousin Joe told him. "Is it bigger than the Missouri (which runs through South Dakota)?" "Yes, it is," Joe said. "Sumbitch, bigger than the Missouri."

The point of all this is that my father had no identity crisis. I suppose that was because where he lived in America, and how he lived, didn't leave time for that kind of negative introspection. But neither was the Palestinian-Israeli conflict an issue back then, a conflict which has created social and political havoc with our community.



It unfortunately has created another conflict within ourselves. I say this because over the years we, as Arab Americans, have been unable to come to complete terms with who we are, and what we are, and I believe the blame rests for the most part on the Arab-Israeli conflict, and its fallout.

Think back, before 1973, when we could be certain of who are enemy was. We knew that Israel was the aggressor, and that the Palestinians and the surrounding Arab countries were being victimized, to one degree or another as a result of Israel's aggression. There was a certainty about it. An absoluteness that did not leave room for questioning what we thought, and what we did. We did not doubt that, nor did we doubt ourselves, or our convictions.

But I trace the beginning of our self-doubts with the American--and the Israeli--response to the Arab oil embargo. That was when the massive public relations attack on Arabs--and by extension, Arab Americans--came. The attack was so heavy, and so massive, that we as a community did not know how to respond. It came from such diverse sources as the oil companies, who wanted to blame someone for their own greed; from American politicians, who wanted to divert blame from their own negligence in not controlling domestic oil prices; from the Israeli lobby and its supporters, who saw the danger to them of Arab oil and Arab money; and from American editorial writers, who are traditionally lazy, and who saw an issue handed to them on a silver platter. There was also something extremely mean-spirited in all this. American journalists began behaving like children in a schoolyard. You know what I mean. . . when one child goes down in the fighting, everyone begins kicking him. And that's what the American press was doing.

The result of it all was that, as a community, we began being defensive. I know of cases where Arabs--recent immigrants--began changing their names so no one would know they were Arabs. It was much like--later on--Iranian-Americans calling themselves "Persians" after the American embassy was taken over in Teheran.

